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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Sumter County

George M. McFaddin, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

WALTER MURREY,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2019-001795

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL REPLY BRIEF OF APPELLANT

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a final ten-day extension, from the due date Friday, May 21, 2021 until June 1, 2021, in which to file the initial reply brief of appellant in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial reply brief of appellant is due to be served and filed May 21, 2021. Two ten-day extensions have been previously granted. Appellate Defender Lara Caudy is co-counsel on this case.

2. Counsel filed the Return to the state's petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. John Ernest Perry with this Court today, May 21, 2021. Counsel filed the Final Brief of Appellant and Final Reply Brief of Appellant in the death penalty case of The State v. Jerome

Jenkins, Jr. with the Supreme Court on May 14, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. David Matthew Carter with this Court on May 6, 2021. Counsel filed the Record on Appeal in the death penalty case of The State v. Jerome Jenkins, Jr. with the Supreme Court on April 26, 2021. Counsel had a WebEx oral argument before this Court on April 15, 2021 in the case of The State v. William C. (Billy) Sellers. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In the Interest of Dante M., A Juvenile Under the Age of Seventeen with this Court on April 9, 2021. Counsel filed the ninety-five-page petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the death penalty case of Andres Antonio Torres v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 5, 2021 with co-counsel Susan Hackett. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the death penalty case of The State v. Jerome Jenkins, Jr. with the Supreme Court on March 25, 2021 with co-counsel Kathrine Hudgins and Adam Ruffin. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight.**

Co-counsel Lara Caudy

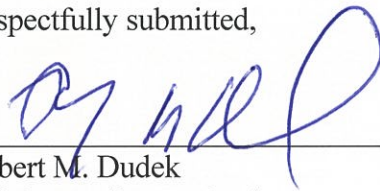
On May 6, 2021, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Jamie L. Giles v. The State with the Supreme Court. On April 23, 2021, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Lutavious Denard Elmore with this Court. On April 13, 2021, counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Shane Washington before the Supreme Court. On March 22, 2021, counsel filed the brief of petitioner in Gene Tony Cooper v. The State with this Court.

3. Oposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the extended thirty-day general consent granted by Deputy Attorney

General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through May 31, 2021. That extended, emailed general consent was dated April 29, 2021.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a final ten-day extension, from the due date Friday, May 21, 2021 until June 1, 2021, in which to file the initial reply brief of appellant. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the reply brief of appellant be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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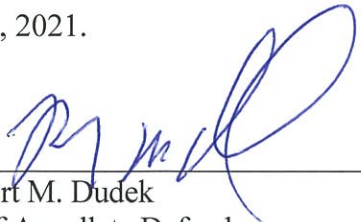
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order "RE: Operation of the Appellate Courts During the Coronavirus Emergency," dated March 20, 2020, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the petition for extension to file initial reply brief of appellant in the above-referenced case has been served upon Julianna E. Battenfield, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 21st day of May, 2021.



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